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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONERS

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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL (B), ROKG HAS SUSPENDED SENTENCES OF ALL BUT THIRTY-FIVE PRISONERS CONVICTED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY MEASURES. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SET FREE. APPELLATE PROCESS CONTINUES FOR THIRTY-ONE OF THOSE THIRTY-FIVE REMAINING IN PRISON. (IT ALSO CONTINUES FOR TWENTY-FOUR OF THOSE PRISONERS ALREADY SET FREE).

2. OF THIRTY-FIVE VIOLATORS OF EMERGENCY MEASURES STILL IN PRISON, TWENTY-TWO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE RELATED TO PRP CASE, AND ALL TWENTY-TWO AWAITING SUPREME COURT ACTION. TWELVE OF THIRTY-FIVE ARE VIOLATORS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW BUT EIGHT OF TWELVE HAVE ALREADY HAD THEIR CASES HEARD BY SUPREME COURT. ONE OF THE THIRTY-FIVE IMPRISONED IS NOW CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF KOREAN NARCOTICS LAW. ACCORDING TO ROKG, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE ALREADY FREED. THUS ONLY THIRTY-FOUR

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OF THIRTY-FIVE STILL IN PRISON ARE THERE FOR PRP OR

COMMUNIST RELATED CHARGES. APART FROM THESE NO OTHER
EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONERS, MAJOR OR MINOR, REMAIN
IN JAIL.

3. ROKG HAS INTIMATED BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY
THAT PRISONERS MAY BE INCARCERATED AGAIN FOR TRANSGRESSIONS
OF KOREAN LAW IN SAME WAY AS PRISONERS ON PAROLE CAN BE
RETURNED TO JAIL. CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN RESTORED.
FORMER PRISONERS ARE FORBIDDEN TO CHANGE PERMANENT
RESIDENCE BUT OSTENSIBLY ARE FREE TO TRAVEL WITHIN
COUNTRY, AND WE HAVE HEARD NO REPORTS OF MOVEMENT BEING
RESTRICTED. FORMER STUDENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PERMITTED
TO RE-ENROLL AT UNIVERSITIES NOR HAVE PROFESSORS YET BEEN
REINSTATED. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY FORMER PRISONER
IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST THOUGH THEY MAY WELL BE UNDER KCIA
SURVEILLANCE.

4. LIST OF THIRTY-FIVE STILL IMPRISONED FOLLOWS
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